

SHIVA said :—The Mfttrikis> whom I had created for the purpose of killing the demon, Andhaka, are now devouring the inmates x>f the universe without paying heed to my admonition. Invincible though I am, yet I do not wish to kill them myself, as it is I who have brought them into being. How can I wish their annihilation, when I am their creator ?

SuTA said :—Having been thus addressed by Rudra, the lord (Nrisinha) caused the Mitrikis to be merged in his person, and having reestablished peace in this world, vanished in the air. The self-controlled voUry, who reads this hymn to Nrisinha, is enabled, like Rudra, to witness the realisation oi his desires. " I meditate upon Nrisinha, whose eyes are like the rising sun, and tongues of blazing fire are emitted from whose lotus-white mouth. I meditate upon the endless, originless Nrisinha, the original subjectivity, the most excellent lord of the universe and its final refuge.* Recitation of this hymn by a person dissipates bis misery as the sun destroys the dew. The M&trikEs fly the presence of such a person, and the god Hara waits upon him to do him a good turn. The destroyer of Tripura (Shiva) first promulgated the worship of Nrisinha, the lord of the gods, in this world* and was enabled to protect its inmates from the depredations of the M&trikis> through his grace*

SUTA said :~*Now I shall narrate to you the
hymns of the
knowledge of ambrosia as the god Hara,
interrogated by
Nirada, first disclosed to him.

NARADA said ;~He, who is bound by the pairs
of opposite,
by anger and passion, by good and evil, by
objects of the
senses, is veritably an evil-minded and
tyrannised being. 0